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September 5 2021 - Year B FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Today	9:30am	Holy Eucharist Rite II
	6:30 pm	AA Meeting
Monday	10:00 am	Thrift Outlet
September 6	6:30 pm	AA Meeting
Tuesday		
September 7	10:00 am	Thrift Outlet
	6:30 pm	Ladies AA
Wednesday	10:00 am	Thrift Outlet
September 8	6:30 pm	AA Meeting
Thursday		
September 9	10:00 am	Thrift Outlet
Friday	10:00 am	Thrift Outlet
September 10	6:30 pm	AA Meeting
Saturday	8:30 am	AA Meeting
September 11	10:00 am	Thrift Outlet



Eucharistic Service Ministers

Lay Readers

Ray Davis

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Loretta & Ed Kaes

Chalice Bearers

Ray Davis, Tom Don, Jim Emery

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Peggy Beck	Bob Gray
Debbie Kirk	Ron Turner (Treasurer)

Welcome Visitors and Newcomers: We extend a warm welcome to all who are new to St. Stephen's. We are delighted to have you with us for worship this morning. Please take time to sign our visitor's book. An usher will gladly assist you with any questions you may have.

"Welcoming Everyone, Connecting with God, Building Community, Transforming Lives."

Be thoughtful, be silent, and be reverent, for this is a house of God. Before the service speak to the Lord; during the service let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

Holy Eucharist Rite II 9:30 am

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The Collect of the Day:

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen

SCRIPTURE READINGS

15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

A Reading from Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart. 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you. 'Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Psalm 146

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul! *
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
For there is no help for them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
And in that day their thoughts perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
Whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth the seas and all that is in them
Who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed. *
And food to those who hunger.
- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free;
The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; *
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The Lord loves the righteous;
The lord cares for the stranger; *
He sustains the orphan and widow.
But frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The Lord shall reign for ever, *
Your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

A Reading from James 2:1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbors as yourself." "But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply them their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So, faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark 7:24-37

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go-- the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon was gone.

August Prayers & Memorials

In the **Anglican Cycle of Prayer** today we pray for the Episcopal Church of Sudan

In the **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** today we pray for the Members and Ministry of the Trustees of the Van Duzer Scholarship Fund..

Please keep in your prayers:

Nancy Sullivan, Traude Beck, Linda Staszkeski, Tom Don, Dick Heward, Beverly Seabert, Barbara Julian, Ellen Rich, Bud Boyd and Marie Carr.

We celebrate the birthdays today of Zach Rietmann and Linda Staszkeski and the anniversary of Ray & Liz Barton..

St. Stephen's News

All are welcome to join the Bible Discussion Group. It meets following coffee hour til noon. Currently discussing 1st Corinthians.

Shop Rite Gift Cards – See Gloria Davis before and after the service.

The votive candles have recently been placed in the Narthex for those wishing to remember a loved one.

The Order of Saint Luke meets every Friday morning at 10:00am in the Parish Hall. Anyone interested in finding out more about the group is invited to attend.

Have you ever thought about being an Usher? Well...now is your big opportunity! The responsibilities are a little different under the COVID protocols and not that difficult to learn. Please remember the more the merrier and the less often you would be scheduled. If you are interested and would like to volunteer, please see Pattie Meyer after the Sunday service or you can contact me at 609-891-6814. Thank you for caring about Saint Stephen's!

Upcoming Events at St. Stephen's

Interfaith Health & Support Service of Ocean County is holding their annual fundraiser "Designer Bag Bingo on Friday, September 24, 2021 at St. Mary's of the Pines Parish Center, 100 Bishop Way, Manahawkin, NJ. Doors open at 5:30pm, Bingo starts at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$40in advance, \$45 at the door. Additional Bingo cards \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Super Bingo tickets are available for purchase. Complimentary Beverages and Desserts! Bring your own food. No alcohol permitted. Pick up tickets at 56 Nautilus Drive, Manahawkin, NJ Monday-Thursday, from 10-2. 609-978-3839

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